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Toronto, 52 Warren Road 497
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President R. A. Falconer
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President!

As a candidate registered for the Ph. D. degree I beg leave to appeal to you in connection with the fees I am charged by the Secretary of the Board of Post Graduate Studies.

When I registered in 1908 I was told that no fees were charged for registration from members of the staff. I also wrote Mr Brebner that I assumed the regulations then in force would be applied to my case. I continued my studies while I was on the staff though practically no help whatever was given me in the pursuit of my studies by any of the departments concerned. For this reason I went to Germany in 1911 incurring great expenses thereby. After I had returned I conducted my studies as before without any assistance until I resigned. Not until 1916

I heard through Prof Smith that the new regulations required a yearly renewal of registration, so I registered again and did the same in 1917. During all these years I never received any notification as to courses of lectures offered, fees charged or anything of that sort. I did not get any "tuition" either but carried on my work as I had begun under the "supervision" of the Professor, in this case Prof. Smith, which supervision was exercised after I had been forbidden to appear around the buildings in an absolutely private manner. This restriction also made the use of the Library very limited so that I had to borrow books from other institutions and private persons. Now I am charged $160 for various items that do not apply to my case. Not only that the new regulations are made retroactive but I am charged for "tuition" at a time when I was not permitted to appear in the Buildings and did not receive any tuition whatever. There is no one who knows the situation better than yourself, Mr. President. Will you kindly take this matter in hand and adjust it as it is fair? I should like to make this proposition: I will pay registration fees for the required minimum of three years and in addition to this $50 for Examination and Degree. I should be glad if you

would accept this proposition.

During the past weeks I have passed the 3 examinations on my minor subjects, I had also an examination of my major before the Staff. I would have come up for examination before the Board these days but owing to the fact that there was disagreement between the members of the Department regarding some points in my thesis I was advised to revise and enlarge my thesis (about 80,000 words) in some points during the holidays so that I may have it ready by the fall.

I shall be thankful, Mr. President, if you can adjust the matter with the fees in the meantime.

Respectfully yours

P. V. Mueller

Address Reply to
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REGISTRAR.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

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January 19th, 1917.

P. W. Mueller Esq.,
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Dear Mr Mueller:

I am directed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Graduate Studies, to which body I submitted your letter of the 12th inst., to inform you that provided your thesis is accepted, and all other requirements are fulfilled, they have no objection to recommending that your Examination be held in the month of May.

In connection with your fees,- I find that you have been registered since the Session 1908-09, and as you were a member of the University Staff from that time until the Session 1914-1915, the fees would amount to $35,-$5. per year.-not being on the Staff, under the regulations then in force, in the Session 1915-16 you owe $25. In the Session 1916-1917, under the new regulations, you owe the fee of $5. for registration and $45. for tuition, plus $50. for Examination and Degree,- so that your total fees would amount to $160.

Yours very truly,

E. MacKenzie

Secretary, Board of Graduate Studies.

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June 2nd, 1917

P. W. Mueller, Esq.,

52 Warren Road,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Mueller:

There is no meeting of the Board until the 14th of June and I cannot lay your letter before them until then.

Meantime, I would say that I think it not unreasonable to ask the Board to grant you release from the fee for tuition for your graduate work, inasmuch as you were formerly a member of the staff of the University. I do not think, however, that the Board could give release from the annual registration fee of five dollars. This has been our regulation and unless we have some fee of this kind there is no hold over our registered students, and it is of course a trifle for all the advantages that a graduate student gets even in the way of direction from members of the staff.

Yours sincerely,

President.